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Filed: June 23, 2003  
For: INTEGRATED ELECTROFLUIDIC SYSTEM AND  
METHOD  
Examiner: Fox, John C.  
Group: 3753  
Docket No: DR-352J

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a RESPONSE in reply to the Office Action mailed May 24, 2005 in the subject application.


If for any reason this RESPONSE is found to be INCOMPLETE, or if at any time it appears that a TELEPHONE CONFERENCE with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned or his associates, collect in Waltham, Massachusetts at (781) 890-5678.

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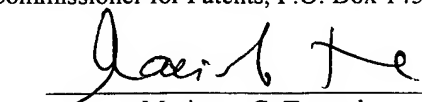
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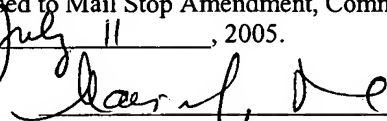
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RESPONSE

This Response is in reply to the Office Action mailed May 4, 2005 in the subject application.

REMARKS

The Examiner rejects claims 1-3, 9, 11, 13, 15-17, 19, 21-22, 34-36, 38-41, and 44-45 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Zdeblick (U.S. Patent No. 4,824,073).

The applicants' claimed integrated electrofluidic system as recited in claim 1 includes: 1) an electronic control system mounted on a support platform; 2) a microfluidic system embedded in the platform and having an input and an output and at least one electrofluidic component; and 3) at least one electrical conductor carried by the platform for